GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Exploration by MECL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited(MECL) has carried out exploration on recently discovered coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh;
(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to the Government by MECL;
(c) if so, the findings of the reports; and
(d) thetime by which the Government proposes to start excavating coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER AND NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a)& (b):Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) has taken up exploration of Somavaram West and Chintalapudi coal blocks and commenced drilling operations. However drilling inSomavaram East block has not started.

(c) & (d): Procedurally, on completion of exploration Geological Report (GR) is prepared. Based onGR, mining feasibility for extraction is decided. The time of start of excavation of these coal reserves cannot be estimated as of now.

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